

Public Notice on a Proposed Charter under Green Tier and Public Hearing

Pursuant to Section 299.83, Wis. Stats., the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is proposing to issue a charter under Green Tier to the Clear Water Initiative. The goal of the Charter is to reduce the overall sediment delivery to Dane County's lakes and streams beyond what is currently required by state and local statutes. The Charter is a partnership effort between the regulatory community (Dane County, the City of Madison, the City of Sun Prairie, and the Department of Natural Resources' South Central Region) and the building community (Veridian Homes LLC, a builder of single and multi family homes). The charter will include routine self reporting through periodic third party audits and a weekly virtual inspection program, a contractor training program, early involvement by the regulatory community in the planning phase of developments, and establishment of minimum performance standards for subdivisions and individual lots.

Additional information available

Specific information on the proposed Clear Water Initiative Charter and the Green Tier program can be accessed via the Internet at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cea/environmental/comment/index.htm>

Or contact:

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Reasonable requests for the information in an alternate format will be provided to qualified individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for public to comment or attend a public hearing

DNR will accept written comments from the public regarding the proposed charter through Monday, September 26, 2005. Comments may be submitted to Jim Bertolacini (see above).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DNR will conduct a public informational hearing on the proposed charter at the following time and location:

September 20, 2005 at 8:30 a.m.
DNR Service Center, Glaciers Edge/Gathering Waters Conference Rooms
3911 Fish Hatchery Rd., Fitchburg, WI
Free parking is available.

How DNR will make final decisions

In making a final decision to issue a charter, DNR will determine whether the proposed charter meets the requirements of sec. 299.83(7e), Wis. Stats., and whether the entities in the association have the resources to carry out the charter. A decision by DNR to issue a charter is not subject to review under state laws governing contested case hearings.

For the Secretary:

/s/ Mark McDermid
Mark McDermid, Director
Bureau of Cooperative Environmental Assistance

08/29/2005
Date